

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing time Y6 had on camp. It was lovely to hear the camp organisers commenting on how well-behaved Holymead children were.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

May

YR Grandparents' visit 19.5.22 at 2pm

Y5 Mendip Activity Centre visit

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations w/b 23.5.22

Y1 are learning to cross the road safely with our Pavement Professors' Programme

New Reception (YR) starters' meeting 25th May at 6.30pm. This informative meeting about starting school is for parents and carers only in the infant hall. There is no crèche.



Parking Around School

Please park considerably around school and think of our neighbours and keeping our children safe. Please don't block

neighbours' driveways, even for a short time and do not block the roads so other road users can't get through. Children should never be expected to get in and out of cars that are dangerously parked. Thoughtless parking can lead to accidents.

Please remember that anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below;

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

celebrations will take place in school w/b 23.5.22. The Friends' hamper draw will be online on the Monday. Children will be learning about how life

has changed in the 70 years that Queen Elizabeth has been on the throne. KS1 children will be making crowns and having a parade.

The week will culminate in a Royal Tea for all age children on the Friday.

All children will be given a small gift to commemorate the event at the end of the week. We'd like to keep this a surprise for the children.

If you would like further details about this event or would like to help out during the week, please speak to your class teacher directly.

Chartwells are laying on a Jubilee Lunch on 26th May. Please see the flyer below for further information.

JUBILEE DAY!

Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

MAINS
A selection of scrumptious sandwiches with your favourite fillings
Pizza whirl, mini sausage roll, potato wedges, carrot & cucumber sticks and coleslaw

DESSERTS
Crackers & soft cheese
Jubilee cup cake

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION SIGN UP TODAY!

School Uniform

As we have been enjoying some lovely warm weather here is a reminder of the summer uniform.



Summer Uniform- summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colours. Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts.

Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school wear, except on PE days.

Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows and headbands are acceptable, large or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.



Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home),

addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of).

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. Thank you.



The Year 1 Phonics Check and the Y4 Multiplication Time table Check will be administered in the week beginning 6th June and will run until 17th June 2022.

The Y2 SATs test will be administered during the month of May. **It is therefore essential that Year 1, Year 4 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised.** If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see the Head teacher or ring school immediately.

Thank you.



e-safety corner: Resource for Year 6 - Moving on Up.

The transition from Y6 to Y7 is an exciting and daunting one. Arguably the online risks and issues become greater as technology use increases and

children move into their adolescent years. Childnet have created a number of free resources which can be used by teachers and parents to help with this transition. Videos include:

- Marvin wants a phone.
- Joel's dilemma about friend requests.
- Isla sees online bullying.
- and more.
- Follow the link:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/moving-on-up/>



The photographer is in school next term to take class photos so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform on 16th June.

Details of school uniform are outlined in this newsletter.

Covid cases in school as 12.5.2022

YEAR GROUP	COVID CASES
YR	0
Y1	0
Y2	0
Y3	0
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	0
TOTAL PUPILS	0



The Rights Action Group Thank you to everyone who has already supported the emergency appeal for Ukraine. The Run-a-thon takes place next week. You should have received a letter with the day that

your child is taking part. Any funds will be sent through the Disasters Emergency Committee.



SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper

The Council for Disabled Children have produced a guide to the Green Paper for parent carers which can be accessed at the following link.

[SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper \(councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk\)](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk)

Please can we encourage parents to respond to the consultation if at all possible. Thank you.



The Friends of Holymead Primary

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for the hampers. The Friends are busy getting things ready for the raffle draw which takes place on 23rd May.

Remember raffle tickets can be purchased using this link:-
<https://raffall.com/298292/enter-raffle-to-win-a-very-royal-raffle-hosted-by-holymead-friends?fbclid=IwAR29W-1Fwf2se8jcAL7J8045Jpvl2T9XaZN2udCqd1beg7PZk-t8nhCgnLk>



Don't forget, the Friends are also offering Cream Tea recipe kits fit for a Queen! They are the perfect activity for the half term week and to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee! Each contains pre-weighed and measured

ingredients (excluding milk) to make 8 fruit scones from scratch, an easy to follow recipe card, along with strawberry jam and clotted cream. Each kit is £10.00 and can be purchased using the online payments system on ParentMail. Kits will be available to purchase until 17th May and you will be able to collect them on Thursday 26th March from the junior site playground (after school).

The next Friends' meeting is 10.6.22 on the infant site after drop off. New friends and pre-schoolers always welcome.



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

As a healthy school we do not encourage the bringing of sweets, cakes, biscuits and treats to share for special occasions such as birthdays or children returning from holiday.

Many children have special diets for varying reasons, so we ask that parents/carers do not send any treats for consumption in school because of the issues that can arise. Thank you.



Covid isolation.

We are still asking parents to keep children off if they have Covid symptoms. If you can't test and your child appears well after a few days of being ill, then keep them home for 3 days and they can return on Day 4 (after symptoms started). If you are not sure, please ring the school office for further assistance.



Please note the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents and carers need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements to run children's clubs with this school.



We are sending out the following information to alert parents to the possible contents of some brands of sun cream that may cause allergic reactions in children.

<https://www.facebook.com/NatashasFoundation/posts/364024412421857>



Dinner money arrears.

We have a high amount of dinner money accounts in arrears at present. Please can we remind parents that **dinner money accounts on ParentMail MUST ALWAYS be kept in credit.**

Our school policy is that once an account for an individual child is in arrears of £10.00 or more, then a packed lunch **MUST** be provided for your child until such time as these arrears are cleared. A ParentMail will be sent to parents to advise them when accounts are in arrears and phone calls will be made home, should a school dinner be requested when arrears are present.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. **AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD**

ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example, if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time.

Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the head teacher's authorisation. **PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT.**



Governors' Corner

Thank you to the 7 candidates who stood for the position parent governor. We have been informed that this is an exceptionally high number of candidates and shows how supportive our parents are of the

school. The results are now in and the following parents have been duly elected:

Kaylene Alder
Sam Goss

Thank you to all those who put themselves forward. The voting results are published in the main entrance on both sites. The Governing Body look forward to working with these new parent governors.



Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- Wed 20th July 2022.

Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2021.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd July 2022

Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st and 2nd September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5th September- 21st October

Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31st October 2022

Re-opens Tues 1st November- 16th December 2022

Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4th Jan-10th Feb 2023

Term 4

Mon 20th Feb- 31st March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17th April-26th May 2023

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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